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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: S. S. Ishmail
KOJIRO KATAYAMA ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2155
Application No.: 09/987,487	)	
	:	Conf. No.: 7221
Filed: November 15, 2001	)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING	)	
METHOD FOR MANAGING	:	
EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT	)	
MANAGING PROGRAM, RECORD-	:	
ING MEDIUM STORING EQUIP-	)	
MENT MANAGING PROGRAM,	:	
AND EQUIPMENT MANAGING	)	
METHOD	:	October 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 3, 2006, stating that the Amendment filed on July 10, 2006, is not signed.

Applicants submit that that Amendment was, in fact, properly signed. The signature on that Amendment (copy downloaded from PAIR attached) is a proper S signature as provided for in 37 C.F.R. § 1.4(d)(2).

Should the Examiner disagree, he is respectfully requested to explain in what particular the S signature provide don that Amendment is allegedly deficient.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of that Amendment, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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